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Northville pedestrian pathway gaps to be completed

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Critical "gaps" in the Northville Township non-motorized pathway system have been identified for completion by members of the Pathways Advisory Committee established in 2021.

Members of the committee took field trips to study the current system and after preliminary engineering review, chose three projects as the best opportunity for completion. A section on the north side of Six Mile Road, east and west of Beck; a portion on the east side of Bradner Road, from Meads Mill Middle School to Whisperwood subdivision and a portion on the north side of Arcadia Ridge, into Marv Gans Community Park have been selected as the first projects to be completed.

Funding for the prioritized pathways has been reserved, officials said, and the selections were based, in part, on design considerations and coordination with Wayne County.

The other three projects, which will be completed in the future are North side of Six Mile Road, between Northville Road and the Ravines subdivision; the south side of Seven Mile Road between Edenderry Drive and Fish Hatchery Park and the east side of Silver Spring Drive, north of Seven Mile.

Officials from Wayne County recently indicated the two bridges on Six Mile Road over Hines Drive and the Rouge River are being reviewed for replacement, said Township Planner Jennifer Frey. A road improvement and bridge replacement project provides an opportunity to work pedestrian improvement into the Wayne County project design for the completion of the pathway on the north side of Six Mile, between Northville Road and the Ravines subdivision, she explained.

In addition to these infill pathway projects, Northville Township has submitted a grant to construct a 10-foot-wide pathway on the south side of Seven Mile Road, from Traditions Drive (west of Haggerty) to Northville Road, then continuing south on Northville Road into Hines Park. If successful in securing the grant, this will be a 2024 construction project, township officials said.

Helping hands
Pollinator gardens installed at parks

Mother Nature is getting a little help in Canton Township.

Heritage and Ridge Road parks in the township each now include pollinator gardens created by volunteers from Community Financial Credit Union and the Dartmouth Alumni of Detroit/NW/Ohio, under the guidance of Creating Habitats for Pollinators. The native grasses and plants have been planted in an effort to give bees and other pollinators a place to thrive, explained Abe Vinitski, Canton parks supervisor.

"Butterflies and bees need plenty of native, flowering plants to thrive," said Vinitski. "By increasing the amount of dedicated habitat for these pollinating insects, we hope to add nesting sites that are critical to their survival, as well as serve as inspiration to others to add pollinator habitats in their yards."

Site preparation at the parks began several months ago when half acre sections in each park were cordoned off and volunteers and township parks staff began removing rocks and debris, as well as plowing the soil several times over. Then dedicated volunteers helped transform these future pollinator habitats by tilling the area before planting a variety of native grasses, wildflowers, and other plants.

Pollinator gardens are designed to attract bees, butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, bats, as well as hummingbirds. These animals perform the crucial ecosystem service of pollination, making it possible for food and flowers to grow.

A pollinator garden can have a positive impact on these important insects and small mammals, Vinitski explained.

Heritage Park, located just west of the Canton Administrative Office at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, is one of the premier parks in the township. Visitors to the 105 acres of green space can enjoy two playscapes, a splash pad, four pavilions, a gazebo, two large ponds, walking tracks, an amphitheater, baseball diamonds, soccer fields, a sand volleyball court, fishing area, and other amenities.

Volunteers work together installing the new pollinator gardens at Heritage Park and Ridge Road Park in Canton Township.

Ridge Road Park, located on the northwest corner of Ford and Ridge Roads, is currently comprised of 134 acres of undeveloped land where visitors can take advantage of a half-mile crushed gravel trail during park hours from dawn until dusk.

Overnight parking is not allowed in the park and no winter maintenance will take place.

For more information,visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Romulus Goodfellows Annual Turkey Trot set for tomorrow

> *The trot will begin promptly at 5:30 on Goddard Road at Sterling Street.*

Area runners can join a very large flock of "turkeys" tomorrow during the Romulus Goodfellows Gobble Wobble Turkey Trot.

The annual event is a fundraiser for the Goodfellows who provide Christmas toys and food to the less fortunate in the community. There will be a $10 entry fee for the event which will be used to purchase gifts, toys and groceries for those needing help during the holidays, part of the annual Goodfellows No Child Without A Christmas project.

Organizers are urging runners to wear their best fun holiday or turkey attire to the easy .7 mile trot designed for the entire family. The course and warm up, along with packet pick up will open at Artisan Reserve at 5 p.m. Nov. 18. The official trot will begin at 5:30 and organizers stressed that the event is designed for fun and laughs. Artisan Reserve is located at 26542 Goddard Road in the city.

The trot will begin promptly at 5:30 on Goddard Road at Sterling Street and end at Walter's Bar, 37452 Huron River Dr. where there will be contests, prizes and DJ Jeff Lowrey of Sound Enterprise providing entertainment. There will be shuttle service from Walter's back to Artisan Reserve, organizers said.

Organizers said the fifth annual event is designed for entertainment while helping the No Child Without A Christmas campaign in the city. The Gobble Wobble Turkey Trot is open to the public and all are welcome.

No Child Without a Christmas has been the goal of the Goodfellows organizations and their supporters for nearly a hundred years. Through their efforts, the Goodfellows have given the gift of a joyous Christmas to thousands of families with children, many of whom would not have had anything on their table or under the tree without the Goodfellows organizations, according to the organization website. Romulus Goodfellows, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and all contributions made are tax-deductible and are used to aid only Romulus residents.

Contributions can be sent by check payable to Romulus Goodfellows, Inc. P.O. Box 74035, Romulus, MI. 48174.

Canton

Winners of 28th Annual Fine Arts Exhibition named

The 28th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition has chosen the winning artworks entered this year. Winners include: Best of Show: Jean-Paul Aboudib for 'United States of Rome'; Second Prize: Dennis Gordon for 'Thistle'; Third Prize: Chuck Schroeder for 'St. Mary's Challenger'; Juror's Choice Award: Durwood Coffey for "Close Encounter"; Honorable Mention: Sylvia Ford for 'Take Flight: Inside Embry Riddle'; Honorable Mention: Jessica Waterstradt for 'Little Wonders'; Merit Award: Aileen Mozug for 'Palm Abstract'; Merit Award: Linda Klenczar for 'Follow the Road'; Merit Award: Amanda Pringle for 'Spring Day'; and Merit Award: Mary Jo Caruana for 'Pondering his Next Move'.

"We are thrilled to bring back the Fine Arts Exhibition after a COVID hiatus with such continued interest, said Elli Fassois, The Gallery at Cherry Hill coordinator. "This annual exhibition continues to gain a great reputation for featuring some of the best emerging artists in Michigan."

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Thirty-five pieces were selected this year by juror Todd Burroughs, who is the founding director of Atelier School of Art in Royal Oak. Best-known for his realist drawings, oil paintings, and passion for teaching, Burroughs has received numerous awards and honorifics for his paintings.

While attending Columbia College Burroughs was introduced to classical art-making techniques and shifted his study from Abstract Expressionism to Classical Painting methods. He completed a five-year program of study in oil painting techniques at the Atelier Alternative in Chicago.

The Canton Fine Arts Exhibition began in 1993 as an activity of Canton Project ARTS, a cultural programming body which provided various arts-related events and activities to the community. In 2004, Canton Project ARTS was absorbed by Canton Leisure Services and is currently guided by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage.

Canton Goodfellows are seeking volunteers, donations

Again this year, the Canton Goodfellows will be providing holiday toys and meals for those less fortunate. Each year, the group provides holiday gifts for several hundred children in the township, a spokesman noted.

The group is seeking volunteers to help collect and distribute gifts this year. Current volunteers will meet between 6 and 7 p.m. Dec. 6 in the lower level of the Township Administration Building. Information about the Goodfellows and the holiday operation will be provided along with light refreshments.

There are several opportunities to help, Goodfellows representatives said. This year, the Canton Goodfellows and Canton Leisure Services are teaming up to help brighten the holidays for Canton children. To participate, bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift card to the Summit on the Park until Dec. 2.

Contributions of food are being collected at Holiday Market in Canton beginning tomorrow, Nov. 18, through Sunday, Nov. 20. A list of needed items will be available to shoppers and volunteers will be on hand to collect donations.

The group is also accepting donations at www.cantongoodfellows.org, or mail a check to Canton Goodfellows, P.O. Box 87532, Canton, MI 48187.

For more information, visit www.cantongoodfellows.org

Winter Walk is planned

Heritage Park in Canton Township will become a winter wonderland again this year.

The park will feature seasonal light displays and decorations installed around the large pond along with visits from Santa, ice carvings and special winter refreshments for sale from vendors. The Winter Wonderland Walk will take place from 5 until 8 p.m. Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Pre-registration for the special event is required and each visitor must register for an assigned time slot.

Cost for the holiday walk is $6 per Canton resident and $7 for non-residents. The walk is appropriate for all ages. The walk will take place in the Heritage Park located behind the Canton Administration Building at 1150 South Canton Center Road.

For more information, visit www.cantofun.org/678.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
December 8, 2022

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, December 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Clarence Lee, Alan Okon, Mark Quimby, Aaron Tassell
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda
December 8, 2022

Nominate Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Approval of Minutes:
November 10, 2022

General Calendar:

1. Application 141-ZBA-7607. Applicant, Joe Minorik for McDonald's USA LLC, for property located at 40241 Michigan Avenue, which is located on the south side of Michigan Ave. between Lotz Rd. and Hannan Rd. (Parcel ID 71-141-99-0028-701), Zoning is C-3, Regional Commercial. Requesting a variance from Section 6A.06(3) of the Zoning Ordinance (Nonconforming Signs), which requires any nonconforming sign to be brought into conformance with the provisions of Article 6A of the Zoning Ordinance when an addition or modification to the existing site requires submittal and approval of a site plan.

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton. Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 1, 2022 for the following:

AUDIO/VIDEO UPGRADES - BOARD ROOM

Bid may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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COMBINED NOTICE
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (RROF)

NOVEMBER 17, 2022

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

1150 CANTON CENTER S

CANTON, MI 48188

(734) 394-5225

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 9, 2022 the Charter Township of Canton will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title One of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following projects: Project # 1 Victory Park ADA Accessible Pathway for the purpose of removing walking barriers for handicapped citizens, $143,170, in the southern end of Canton Township near the crossroads of Canton Center and Michigan Avenue.
Project # 2 Housing Rehabilitations - $100,000 for the purpose of making repairs to owner-occupied homes and mobile homes throughout Canton Township.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Charter Township of Canton gives notice that it has been determined that the release of funds for the above projects will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of human environment and accordingly the Charter Township of Canton has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 USC 4321).
The reasons for this decision not to prepare such statement are as follows: No serious environmental adverse impacts or hazards were identified in the course of the environmental review.
An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Finance Department, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4 P.M. The ERR is also available on-line for review at https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Canton Finance Department, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188. All comments received by December 9th will be considered by Canton Township prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Charter Township of Canton certifies to HUD that Anne Marie Graham-Hudak in her capacity as Supervisor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Charter Township of Canton to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Charter Township of Canton's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Charter Township of Canton; (b) the Charter Township of Canton has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at The Detroit CPD's e-mail for objections is still CPD_COVID-19OEE-DET@hud.gov (underscore between CPD and COVID). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Township Supervisor

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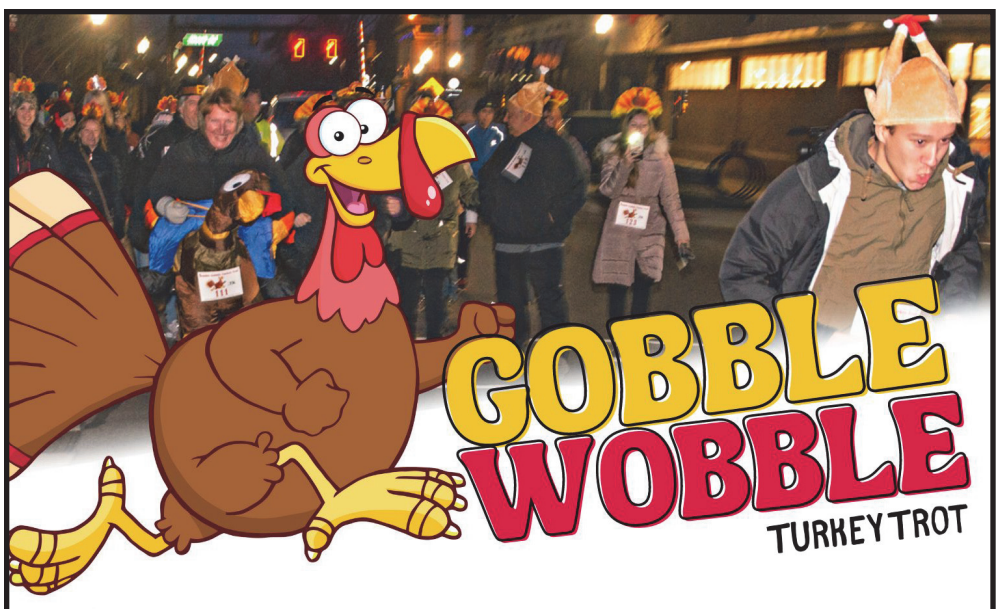
Westland

Spooky stuff

The winners of Westland Mayor William Wild's annual employee decorating contest were revealed just in time for Halloween. The winner for Best Overall workspace in the city hall offices was Shelby Bedra with Nicole Jones taking second place. The WOW Factor award went to Nicole Kolar while Aubrey Berman came in second. Kim Clish won the Spookiest category with Becky Calvert finishing in second place. Sheila Larimore was the Most Original winner with Kayla Cobetto finishing taking second-place honors.

A new chapter

City officials and members of the William Faust Public Library of Westland celebrated the groundbreaking for the library renovation project recently. The renovation and expansion will be funded by a voter approved millage and will include a new dedicated program room for youth, state of the art meeting rooms, additional study rooms, an expanded teen area, and an outside courtyard. Improvements will also be made throughout the building, including acoustics. Library operations will be relocated during construction to shorten the duration of the project. More information about the renovation plan is available in the library lobby, officials said.



NOVEMBER 18, 2022

5th annual .5k trot
through downtown Romulus

5:00 PM

Check In & Warm Up
Artisan Reserve (36542 Goddard Road)

5:30 PM

Trotting Begins
Trot to Walter's Bar (37452 Huron River Drive)

$10 per entry

Zelle Romulus Goodfellows (734) 322-7680 (include name and phone number) or register same day

All profits will benefit the Romulus Goodfellows' "No Child Without a Christmas"

Plenty of parking available at Walter's Bar with shuttle service from there to Artisan Reserve (available till 6:30 pm)

Holiday turkey attire is encouraged!

Please call Community Development at (734) 955-4537 with any questions

Romulus Downtown

Romulus GoodFellows Inc.

Northville

Northville Township Fire Department adds 7 members

The Northville Township Fire Department welcomed the largest class of firefighter recruits in a decade last week. Seven firefighters/paramedics took the oath of office, creating a 37-member department.

The firefighters were sworn in by Northville Township Clerk Roger Lundberg in a township hall ceremony in front of friends and family. Each firefighter is also a paramedic.

Public service officials said that rising population rates in the township have reached nearly 32,000 which impacts requests for service. This hiring, they said, matches staffing with current incident volume.

Fire calls for service have increased by nearly 49 percent since 2012 as township population has grown. In 2021, the Northville Township Fire Department responded to more than 3,100 incidents, they noted.

The hiring also helps Northville Township prepare for the future, officials said, as they expect to break ground on an essential services complex on the Seven Mile Road property of Legacy Park.

The new complex will include a second fire station, a new Public Safety Headquarters, a new headquarters for Public Works and some storage for Parks and Recreation. This multi-year project is in the early stages of design and planning with an anticipated groundbreaking in late summer/early fall of 2023. It will be built without any new taxes, officials stressed.

These hirings will allow for this second fire station to be staffed fully.

"This is an exciting day for Northville Township," said Northville Township Supervisor Mark J. Abbo. "Today we took a step toward a safer community while focusing on further improving service delivery to our residents. We welcome all of our new first responders."

Each recruit is an experienced firefighter, hailing from the following community fire departments: Ferndale, Garden City, Westland, Canton Township and Wayne.

The fire team organized a hiring open house on their own to invite possible candidates to determine if they had any interest in joining the township department.

"Currently, the fire industry is undergoing a shortage of firefighters, so to get 13 people to show up for the open house and 34 to apply for the positions translated to a success," noted Northville Township Fire Chief Brent Siegel.

"We are confident that Northville Township is in good hands," said Siegel. "Since our first meeting, it was clear that each person we hired was a skilled professional who embraced our emphasis on training and preparation while providing exceptional public service."

Northville Township Hall had a full house last week as the fire department welcomed seven firefighters to the organization. New Northville firefighters include, from left, Francis Dreslinski, Peter Michalak, Mackenzie Slowik, Kevin Pietrasinski, Thomas Wilson, Zachary Sprys-Tellner and Kody Gazdag.

Northville Township Fire Department personnel average more than 6,000 hours of training annually because of the large scope of services the department provides, officials said.

Joining the township fire department are: Frank Dreslinski, Milford Township (formerly Ferndale Fire Department); Kody Gazdag, Whitmore Lake (formerly Garden City Fire Department); Peter Michalak, Brighton (formerly Ferndale Fire Department and recently promoted to sergeant); Kevin Pietrasinski, Livonia (formerly Wayne Fire Department);

Mackenzie Slowik, Allen Park (formerly Westland Fire Department); Zachary Sprys-Tellner, Brighton (formerly Canton Fire Department) and Tom Wilson, White Lake (formerly Westland Fire Department).

Northville Township Fire Department is an all-hazard emergency response department which handles fire suppression, emergency medical service (EMS) and rescues including motor vehicle accidents, open water and ice rescues, hostile incidents (i.e. active shooter), technical rescue (high-angle, collapse, trench, rope, etc.) and hazardous materials mitigation.

It provides Advanced Life Support and prides itself on cardiac arrest survival rates, which are three times greater than elsewhere in the state and nation.

The Northville Township Fire Department is also is a member of the Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association, the Western Wayne County Hazardous Materials Response Team and the West Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue Team.

"We appreciate all of the support our community gives to our fire team," Siegel said. "When you see us out and about, we hope you will say hello welcome the seven new faces with open arms."

Firms hired to design permanent downtown street areas

The firm of Grissim, Metz, and Andriese has been awarded a contract to plan a conversion of the closed sections of North Center Street and Main Street into a permanent pedestrian environment.

The $47,700 cost will be split between the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the city. Each will pay $23,850 for the development plan. The plan, assigned to the DDA, must support local businesses and foster community engagement, according to the specifications of the bid. Five design firms responded to the Request For Proposal (RFP) and those bids were reviewed by members of the DDA Economic Development Committee, along with city DPW Director Mike Domine.

The selection of Grissim, Metz and Andriese was approved by members of the city council during a meeting earlier this month. Councilmembers also agreed to extend the special event application for street closures from Nov. 7 until March 15 to allow time to develop the plan.

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Councilmembers also recently approved a $59,800 contract with Fleis and Vandenbrink to study traffic patterns and pedestrian safety in and around the closed streets of downtown Northville in the area of Center and Main.

The closed bid process to study traffic flow drew proposals from four firms, with prices ranging from $45,000 to $85,000. The scope of work will evaluate pedestrian safety improvements to be made within a 1,200-foot radius of Center and Main and conduct a neighborhood traffic management plan for the non-arterial roads between Seven Mile and Eight Mile and between Rogers and S. Main/Northville Road.

The traffic report will be integrated with the design work of Grissim Metz Andriese to create plans for a pedestrian environment on the closed sections of Main Street and N. Center.

Board OK's 2 new ambulances

Officials from the Northville Township Fire Department have ordered two new ambulances to replace two aging vehicles with more than 120,000 miles on each of them. Because of the specialized equipment involved, the new models will take two years to build, officials said, and the township expects them to arrive next summer.

Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Wiggins won a $250,000 FEMA grant for Northville Township Fire Department, covering about 80 percent of the cost of one of the ambulances.

Northville Township is saving an additional $90,000 on both of the new ambulances by reinstalling the existing Stryker Power Cots that were previously purchased using funds from another grant, also secured by Wiggins.

The grant funding will allow Northville Township to purchase the two ambulances for $386,000 thanks to Wiggins' grant writing skills, a 47 percent savings.

Northville Township recognizes the tremendous value of obtaining grant funding to offset expenditures, which are necessary to provide an exceptional level of service to the community, officials said. Seeking alternate funding sources is a vital component to being good stewards of taxpayer money and grants are a beneficial funding source, they added.

Wiggins, who celebrated his fifth-year work anniversary with Northville Township this year, has won more than $10 million in grant funding for the region fire service.

Couple killed in crash

A Northville Township couple was killed Saturday when the vehicle in which they were riding left the roadway and struck a tree in the Steeplechase subdivision.

Police officers were called to the scene on Bayberry Way near the intersection of Seven Mile and Napier roads at 12:17 a.m. Nov. 12 following a report of a rollover accident. Northville Township Fire Department personnel utilized extrication equipment to remove the victims who were beyond life saving measures, according to police reports.

Omar Salamen, 46, and his wife, Manal Kadry, 40, were both pronounced dead at the scene.

Police said the investigation into the crash is ongoing but it appears the driver was attempting to navigate a curve in the roadway and lost control of the vehicle which then left the road, struck a tree and rolled over.

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59. Auctions

Copart has vehicles up for public auction Tuesday 11/22/22 at 10 AM at www.copart.com:

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In the time it takes to watch a football game, 5,760 people will need blood or platelets.
Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood or platelets. Give now.

PLYMOUTH - SUMPTER

Police investigation into shooting of teen continues

Sumpter Township police are continuing the investigation into a shooting that took place Nov. 7.

According to police reports, officers were dispatched to the area of Rustic Lane North and Knollwood in the Rawsonville Woods Mobile Home Community at about 6:30 p.m. Nov. 7 in response to a report of shots fired. When officers arrived on the scene, they found a 15-year-old boy who had suffered a gunshot in his upper leg/buttocks.

The teen was transported by emergency responders by ambulance to a nearby hospital where he was reported in stable condition.

A preliminary investigation appears to show the victim was injured when shots were fired from a group of individuals walking down the street towards another group standing outside of a residence on Knollwood.

> *"Police said it appears the suspect group fled the mobile home park on foot.,*

The teen was among the group in front of the residence, police said.

Police said it appears the suspect group fled the mobile home park on foot and entered a vehicle waiting on Rawsonville Road.

Police have requested that anyone who may have any information about the individuals involved or the incident call the Sumpter Township Police Detective Bureau at (734) 461-4833 ext. 2254.

Cause of fatal crash is probed

The investigation into a fatal hit and run accident in Plymouth Oct. 30 is continuing, officials said.

Police are seeking the identity of a driver who fatally struck a pedestrian at about 7 p.m. on Beck Road between Powell and North Territorial Road in Plymouth Township.

The victim was treated and transported from the scene by emergency personnel but succumbed to the injuries sustained and died later at a local hospital, according to police reports.

Currently, police suspect the car is a 2007 to 2010 Pontiac Solstice two-seater sportscar. Investigators do not know the color of the vehicle but believe the vehicle would have sustained damage to the front passenger side, including the headlight and fog light assembly.

Anyone with any information about the incident is asked to call Plymouth Township police at (734) 354-3232.

Paid parking plan to be topic

Discussions of a plan to implement paid parking in downtown Plymouth will continue at a 5 p.m. meeting Monday, Nov. 21 at Plymouth City Hall.

Representatives from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and members of the Plymouth City Commission have been discussing the various possibilities for a paid parking system in the city. Officials said the paid parking system could potentially increase the parking stock in the area.

The meeting Nov. 21 is a Committee of the Whole Meeting of the DDA Board members and the members of the Plymouth City Commission.

The meeting is open to the public.

Mistletoe Market returns Dec. 1

Christmas will be a little early in downtown Plymouth this year with the return of the popular Mistletoe Market on Dec. 1.

Again this year, from noon until 9 p.m. The Gathering will be the site of more than 60 vendors offering a European style market with Michigan-made crafts, treats and greenery. Attractions including horse-drawn carriage rides, carolers from local school and church groups street performers and brass bands will begin to fill downtown at 5 p.m. organizers said.

Congratulations

Sumpter Township Police Sgt. Beth Egerer celebrates her recent graduation from Siena Heights University. Egerer earned a bachelor of applied science - law enforcement degree, with a minor in public administration. Egerer was also named as police officer of the year in 2018 based on her exemplary service in the department. Police Chief Eric Luke congratulated Egerer on her accomplishments.

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Wreaths Across America celebrated in Romulus

Donations and volunteers are need for the special Wreaths Across America Ceremony planned for noon Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

The ceremony is being organized by the Romulus Veterans Outreach Committee and the Romulus VFW Post 78. Individuals can purchase a $15 wreath to honor a veteran in the cemetery until Nov. 29 online at: https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/ Choose "Local Sponsorship Group" and search "Romulus VFW".

The wreath laying ceremony will take place at Romulus Memorial Cemetery located at 10101 Shook Road and is open to the public. For more information contact the Veterans Outreach Committee at (734) 955-8964.

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day volunteers coordinate the effort to remember, honor and teach across the county during wreath laying ceremonies. More than 3,400 in all 50 states participate in the annual event to honor those who have served in the United States military.

Fond farewell

During the regular meeting of the Wayne City Council last week, Councilwoman Kelly Skiff was honored by her fellow officials and State Rep. Kevin Coleman for her four years of service on the council. Skiff opted not to seek another term, but told the audience and city officials how proud she was to have served the residents as she thanked them for their support. Skiff's last meeting as a member of council was Nov. 13.

Promoted

The Romulus Police Department recently celebrated the promotion of the newest captain on the force, Nicole Harris. Harris is a life-long resident of the city, born and raised in Romulus, according to an official announcement from the department. According to Police Chief Robert Pfannes, Harris has steadily taken on more responsibility and competitively risen through the ranks. He said the entire department was proud of Harris' accomplishments and congratulated her on her new rank.

Police car strikes pedestrian

An Inkster man was seriously injured last week when he stepped into the path of a moving Inkster Police vehicle.

According to police reports, the incident took place on Inkster Road, just south of Cherry Hill on Sunday, Nov. 6. The man was struck by the vehicle as he stepped directly in front of the moving car. Police said only that the man appeared to be in his 50s and was transported by emergency personnel to a nearby hospital in serious conditions.

No further details of the incident were released by police who said it was an ongoing investigation.

Shooting investigation continues

Inkster police officers responding to a reported "disturbance" on Halloween discovered a man dead of multiple gunshot wounds, according to official reports.

Inkster police responded to the report at about 2:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31. When officers arrived at 26739 Yale St., they found the body of a 45-year-old Inkster man dead of multiple gunshot wounds.

A suspect was taken into custody at the residence without further incident, police said.

The investigation into the shooting is being conducted by troopers from Michigan State Police Special Investigation Section.

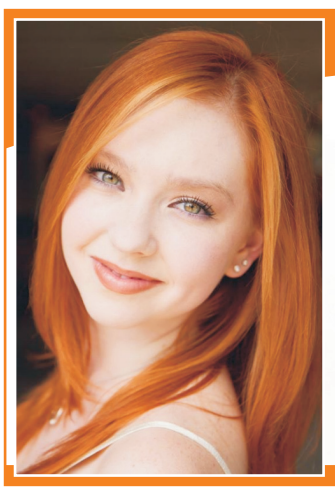
Applications for Goodfellows holiday help are still available

Applications for holiday help from the Wayne Goodfellows organization will be available from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. today, Nov. 17, and again Dec. 3.

For nearly a century, the Goodfellows organizations across the country have provided toys, groceries and gifts during the annual No Child Without A Christmas campaign. In Wayne, the group provides support and assistance to nearly 300 families annually and during the holiday. The Wayne organization offers emergency help all year to those who have suffered a catastrophic event which prevents them from providing for themselves short term. Wayne Goodfellows also support various other local organization which provide support for the community.

For more information about the Goodfellows, call (734) 260-6849 or access support@waynegoodfellows.org. Applications for help or donations can be mailed to City of Wayne Goodfellows, P.O. Box 472, Wayne, MI 48184.

The Wayne Goodfellows is a 501 c 3 tax-exempt organization. All donations go to help families in the City of Wayne.



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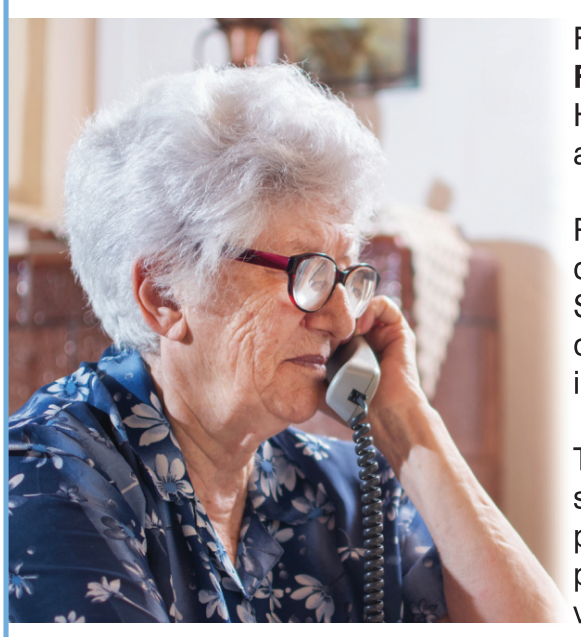

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